

NCC Minutes 12/13/21

Open meeting: 7:05 p.m.

Present: C. Griffith, J. Couture, F. Hayden, L. Hill, Kalle Matso from PREP

1) Administrative Business:

- a) Minutes 11/21- J. Couture motions to accept, C. Griffith seconds, all in favor YES.
- b) Treasurer's report- C.Griffith motions to accept, J. Couture seconds, all in favor YES.

2) New Business:

- a) Kalle Matso from PREP- would like the town of Newfields to contribute \$2071/yr to the -Piscataqua Region Monitoring Collaborative (PRMC). The amount is based on population density. Monitoring the bay became even more critical when, in 2021 the EPA issued the General Permit for Nitrogen which sets wastewater permits. We need to reduce point (wastewater treatment) and non-point (septics, stormwater) sources. EPA focus is on sea grass as an indicator of pollution. Eel grass is declining and seaweed is thriving.
 - F. Hayden stated that this would relieve the town from having to monitor. Will they share data? K. Matso replied they would on a yearly or bi-yearly basis.
 - J. Couture stated that the commission is on board but there are other contributions in town such as retention ponds which have not been monitored thus far. This was discussed at the last Planning Board meeting. C. Griffith suggested we look into other town's plans.
 - J. Couture- We are not a regulatory commission so should we be the ones to contribute the funds? We need to coordinate with the Selectmen and Planning Board. Someone will need to fill in the data annually. He will contact M. Sununu.

3) Old Business:

- a) Contributions for 2021-
 - SELT has been paid.
 - PREP will be paid once D. Mason receives the approved minutes.
- b) Reviewed map of conservation map that F. Hayden put together. No issues.

4) Next meeting- 1/17/22

Adjourn 8:35 p.m.

NCC member L. Hill, 12/13/21

